



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ALUMINUM TITANATE SINTERED
PRODUCT

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: July 31, 2006

Sir:

Reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action dated February 16, 2006, in the above-identified application in view of the following detailed comments and enclosed documents is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over, the '863 Japanese patent publication. In making this rejection, it was asserted that the cited publication meets all of the limitations of this claim. Reconsideration of this rejection in view of the following comments and enclosed documents is respectfully requested.

Before discussing the rejection in detail, a brief review of the presently claimed